

### Congressman's "Natty" Letter Pleases Mayor

The audience at Tuesday evening's city council meeting enjoyed a good laugh when a humorous letter from Congressman Charles J. Colden, addressed to Mayor W. T. Klusman, was read by City Clerk Bartlett. The letter, a copy of which was also sent to Grover C. Whyte, Earl Conner and Hank Ulbright, follows: "Honorable William Klusman, Mayor, Torrance, California. "My dear Mayor:

"I note in the Torrance Herald that you have invited your friends to plant a tree in your new park. Since I am three thousand miles away and am unable to comply with your request, I desire to show my appreciation of your good program by sending you nuts from historical points of our country.

"I am sending you by this mail a selection of black walnuts. You will find therein ten walnuts from Mount Vernon, the home of the first President, Washington. You will also find ten walnuts from Frederick, Maryland, the home of Francis Scott Key, author of the Star Spangled Banner, and of Barbara Fritchie, of Civil War fame, and a defender of the Flag; also ten walnuts from The Hermitage, the home of the famous Democrat, Andrew Jackson; also ten nut seeds from Arlington, the Cemetery of American heroes and the home of General Robert E. Lee.

"The total includes forty very famous nuts. Since you have but a very limited number, such as Earl Conner, Grover Whyte and Hank Ulbright, I trust these will add to your limited supply.

"Knowing that you are a first-class garden man, yourself, and a lover of the beautiful, I feel quite sure that you will direct the planting of these nuts and see to their proper care. As soon as I arrive home, after adjournment of Congress, I shall drive up to the Torrance park, and with your permission, will gather a few nuts from these promising seeds. I trust they will be bearing heavily by that time.

"I am a great lover of trees, and wish your planting program the greatest of success. I made some inquiries about sending you some young trees, but was advised by government authorities that, because of the quarantine restrictions, it was much more practicable to send the seeds.

"With very best wishes for success, I remain,

"Sincerely,  
"CHARLES J. COLDEN."  
"P. S.—My secretary warns me that these nuts should be protected from the squirrels. I think

### Half-Century of Service Honored



Fifty years of continuous state service reaped its reward for William H. Shebly, connected with the California State Fish and Game Department since 1883. Mr. Shebly has supervised the planting of over one billion trout and salmon in California waters and was responsible for introduction of five species of game fish in the state. In above photo he is being congratulated by Gov. Rolph.

### Mrs. A. Anderson Claimed By Death

Mrs. Hilda Karoline Anderson, age 50, wife of Adolph Anderson, 25830 Oak street, Lomita, passed away Friday, May 19, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, three children and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 22, at 2 o'clock from Stone & Myers chapel, Rev. F. Engstrom of the Scandinavian Seamen's Mission of San Pedro, conducting the services, which were attended by a great number of the friends of the family. Interment was made at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

I can trust you, Mayor, not to crack these nuts. "C. J. C."

**Nuts Arrive**  
Mayor Klusman dropped into the Herald office yesterday on his way from the post office, proudly exhibiting the package of celebrated nuts, which had just arrived from Washington.

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### Notes From Washington

By Charles J. Colden  
Congressman, 17th District

The rivers and harbors committee has made a second call on President Roosevelt for the purpose of prevailing on him to include projects authorized by the committee in the public works bill which is now being formulated. President Roosevelt retains his happy manner in spite of the tremendous weight of state affairs that rests upon him. It seems rather marvelous that he can carry this load and preserve his buoyant manner.

The President has in mind a number of river and harbor improvements but the percentage of labor is the factor that governs his policy. These projects that promise the highest amount of manual labor will have precedence over the others, was the conclusion of the majority of the members who participated in this conference.

Incidentally, in this discussion the President again referred to the construction of federal buildings throughout the country. It is apparent that he has adopted a new policy and that unless the government buildings will save more in rents than the interest on the buildings, such projects will not receive the serious consideration of the President. He also expressed himself quite firmly that if the rents do not justify it he considers the construction of public buildings as a waste of the taxpayers' money.

As I construct the President's remarks, the construction of the federal building in San Pedro will depend very much upon whether it is a saving to the government or whether it will be a liability. In any event, the buildings in San Pedro and Los Angeles will be obliged to stand aside until more urgent projects are being constructed that employ a larger amount of labor.

By its drastic revisions, the veterans' administration in Washington is causing the members of Congress plenty of worry. A number of veterans have been disturbed in all sections of the country. Many of them seem to be suffering a hardship from the new rulings. But it must be considered that any policy established by the government for four million veterans is unable to meet the needs of every individual.

In the discussion of the new rulings, Representative Woodrum of Virginia used an illustration of the new rating that has been adopted by the veterans' administration. To make his point clear he recited that if two brothers were in a battle in France, one of them being a structural iron worker and the other brother a bookkeeper, that if they were hit



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at the same time, at the same place and were injured in the same way, that the structural iron worker would receive a disability allowance of \$66.00 per month while the bookkeeper would receive only \$26.00 per month. Under the new rating both brothers would receive exactly the same amount—\$40.00 per month. Thus while the new rating decreases the pay of some, it increases the pay of others.

This point illustrates what the veterans' administration is endeavoring to do. That is just one of their activities. As the readers have noted, the President has already decided that some of the regulations are too severe and has ordered a modification. This bears out the belief of many of those who voted for the economy bill, that the President could be trusted to be fair and just. Many of us still believe that he will be as liberal in his treatment of the veterans as the finances of the country will permit.

You remember the very happy affair at the Hacienda La Rambla, San Pedro, after the election at which I was a guest of honor. Mr. J. F. T. O'Conner made the principal speech of the evening. I heard many comments on that speech because of its unusual logic, patriotism and eloquence. I felt very much honored.

Mr. O'Conner contributed to that occasion. I did not realize then that an important part in the present administration.

I had the pleasure of visiting the treasury department and witnessing the Honorable J. F. T. O'Conner being sworn in as the comptroller of the currency, a very important position in the finances of this nation.

Mr. O'Conner, accompanied by the secretary of the treasury, Secretary Woodin, took the oath in one of the offices of the treasury department. There were a few guests from California and the room and the hallway were packed with the employees of the department. We all felt proud that some of our citizens had been so highly honored.

I did not realize then that the pleasure of introducing and meeting Secretary Woodin. After the oath of office was administered, we returned to the private office of Mr. O'Conner and the employees had banked his desk with beautiful flowers. Mr. O'Conner invited the employees all to present themselves and he shook the hand of each one of them.

After a confirmation of J. F. T. O'Conner, Senator Reid of Pennsylvania, who is the Republican watch-dog of the Senate Democrats, made rather a severe attack upon Roosevelt's appointment of an attorney with little banking experience to this high position of honor. Senator McAdoo pointed out the defense of his former law partner, Senator McAdoo pointed out that the job of the comptroller of the currency was to enforce the law against bankers and that he felt that Mr. O'Conner was well equipped for this important position.

The appointment of O'Conner entrenches Senator McAdoo's position in the finances of the nation. With the senator on the floor of the Senate and his right man O'Conner clothed with the responsibility of enforcing laws against the bankers, California is given another position that it has never before held in the financial structure of the country. There is considerable gossip to the effect that this administration will rigidly enforce the laws of the country against bankers who have too often been allowed to escape their responsibility in recent years.

In a conversation with Mr. O'Conner I made some remark concerning his drag in politics. He laughed and retorted, "Senator McAdoo and myself both supported and recommended another candidate. That shows what kind of a drag I have."

Miss Perkins, secretary of labor, is making a deep impression upon those who contact her. I heard one of the ablest members of the Senate say in a conversation that if you admit her premises she can

out-argue you on almost any subject. At a recent meeting in which a number of important officials, including supreme judges, participated, one of the listeners reported that she made the best talk of the event. When you find a woman who can out-talk a member of the Senate or a supreme judge, it indicates that you just as well surrender and succumb at home as discreetly as possible. Monte Plister and Norman Neakem have charged many a fat fee for this good advice.

Ruth Bryan Owen made her farewell call in the House recently before her departure as minister to Denmark. She received very hearty applause from her old colleagues, and from her smile, she too was highly pleased.

The first contingent of the bonus army camped across the street from the House office building on some vacant lots. It was raining and they stood around buildings under the trees to protect themselves from rain and cold the best they could. The strange part of the affair was that the government had offered them tents and food and other conveniences a few miles away. But this group had a conscientious objection and raised a point of order and refused to mingle with their comrades at the camp.

Our friend McPadden from Pennsylvania, who frequently attacked President Hoover in the former session, has started out to chastise President Roosevelt. Many of us Democrats thought it was quite enjoyable when he was rapping Hoover, but it doesn't sound

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half so good when he begins to rap President Roosevelt.

Good old summer time with its lather and gasps for air has rushed in on the heels of departing winter. The day after I hung up my overcoat my office was supplied with an electric fan. Washington weather has the Roosevelt stride. Anyhow, the trees are beautiful.

### Man Is Expert At 'Rosemaling'

STOUGHTON, Wis. (U.P.)—Known to lovers of Norwegian art in most parts of the United States, Per Lysne, Stoughton, is an expert at "Rosemaling," or imaginary flower painting. Lysne learned the art of painting fantastic floral designs on furniture and buildings from his father, Anders Lysne, who received a gold medal for a painting exhibited in Paris in 1888.



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Henry Ford